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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$246,000 COMPLAINT TO PLANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, MERCED COUNTY

FRESNO – Planada Community Services District (District) faces \$246,000 in Mandatory Minimum Penalties for numerous violations of effluent limitations for bromodichloromethane, carbon tetrachloride, dibromochloromethane, total suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand, total coliform organisms, electrical conductivity, and pH that occurred from May 1, 2004 through June 30, 2008 at its wastewater treatment facility. The facility discharges disinfected tertiary-treated wastewater to Miles Creek, a water of the United States and a tributary to the San Joaquin River, a water of the United States.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint for assessment of the statutory penalties.

The State Water Resources Control Board, Economic Division, has determined that the District is a designated small community with a financial hardship, within the meaning of the State Water Code. Therefore, the District is eligible to spend the equivalent amount toward a compliance project to be completed within five years.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Board may consider the complaint at its regular public meeting on February 5 or 6, 2009.